



State of New Hampshire

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL #68,
AFL-CIO

Petitioner

and

TOWN OF ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Respondent

CASE NO. A-0474

DECISION NO. 82-41

BACKGROUND

Upon a petition for a declaratory ruling relative to the Town of Alton's obligation to bargain with the certified representative, AFSCME, on items which would affect the 1982 town budget, the Public Employee Labor Relations Board issued Decision No. 82-26 on May 6, 1982 ruling that under RSA 273-A:3, Section II (a) setting definite time limits whereby the exclusive representative must notify the Public Employer of their intent to bargain, and whereby AFSCME did not file its intent on time, the Town was under no obligation to bargain "cost items" affecting the 1982 budget. The Board, however, stated that the policy of 273-A was to foster harmonious and cooperative relationship between employers and employees and every effort should be made by both parties to negotiate in good faith.

AFSCME on May 13, 1982 filed an appeal to the Board decision and requested a hearing on the basis that the time limits were missed through no fault of the Union but through the Board's inability to process the case sooner.

DECISION

The Board at its hearing, May 27, 1982 unanimously denied the request for a hearing on this matter and declared that Decision issued May 6, 1982 was, and is hereby reaffirmed.

ROBERT E. CRAIG, CHAIRMAN
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

By unanimous vote. Chairman Craig presiding. Members Mayhew, Osman and Verney present and voting. Also present, Executive Director LeBrun.

Signed this 3rd day of June, 1982.